

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 28, 1998

A bill to amend section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require information on foreign government officials responsible for egregious offenses against human rights in the annual reports on the human rights practices of countries receiving United States security assistance

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 19, 1998

The bill would authorize the Secretary of State to include in the materials supporting the budget request for security assistance programs the name of any government official of a proposed recipient country who is responsible for egregious violations of internationally recognized human rights or who is under indictment or is otherwise wanted by an international war crimes tribunal.

CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no budgetary impact. Because it would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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